

Park City School District
November 1, 2016
Work Session 9:00 AM

Members present

Tania Knauer, Philip Kaplan, Nancy Garrison, and Julie Eihausen

Staff Present:

Ember Conley, Todd Hauber and Lorie Pearce

Call to Order

Board President Knauer called the meeting to order at 9:04 am. Member Eihausen led the pledge of allegiance.

Reports

Audit Report

Matthew Geddes, Squire and Squire, was before the Board to present the audit report. On Monday, the district audit committee reviewed the report and had an opportunity to ask questions. According to Matthew, the audit indicates a clean report or an A grade.

Member Garrison had questions regarding student growth and how we need to move forward with planning.

Member Eihausen stated that this is why it is so important to address our needs while we are in the process of designing the high school.

Member Kaplan, who is one the Audit Committee, along with JJ Ehlers, stated that now the audit committee has been formed, they will move forward and look at best practices over time.

Budget Projecting for 2017-2018

Dr. Conley gave a brief overview of the mountain superintendent's visits that took place last week. She found it interesting that in Aspen school district they own 43 units for the teachers and superintendent housing. In Telluride, they manage a couple of units just for teachers, and they do provide the superintendent a house. Jackson Hole does not own any units, but they do provide the superintendent a house. Our class sizes are almost identical to these mountain areas and all of the districts have Spanish dual language programs. An issue for all of these districts is the mental health. Vail has a new dynamic since they have had two charter schools open in their district, and now their ELL population is 50%. Park City and Telluride have the same demographics as far as ELL students. Aspen and Telluride have one bus route and they start at 8:30 am. Park City salary schedules are comparable, as well as evaluations.

Issues to keep in mind as we move forward with the budget is:

Academic Excellence

Student Well Being

Balance new resources and realignment of resources

Open and Closed Schools Report

Todd Hauber, Business Administrator, presented the open and closed school report. These numbers are preliminary and he is still working on new residential permits to determine projection numbers.

The number of instructional stations and the October 1 enrollment determines maximum capacity. He has looked at all of the spaces to determine capacity. Enrollment threshold is 90 of maximum capacity or capacity less 40.

Member Eihausen asked if the maximum number at Trailside Elementary includes the two portable trailers. According to Mr. Hauber, if the trailers are removed, than Trailside will be considered closed because it would increase class sizes and decrease the number of teaching stations. Member Eihausen would like to see every school closed to open enrollment.

Member Garrison feels that if we do not receive the optimal funding, then we should close the schools.

Member Kaplan believes there is a strong consensus that we should be careful of having a large number of out of district students enroll and continuing to watch future developments. Today we don't have a problem, but we need to be careful watch.

Member Knauer said that open enrollment is a sore spot in the community, before we get to the 2-3 years when we will see more families coming in, we need to make sure our processes are in place. We need to fine-tune the process.

The Board also reviewed comparisons of actual enrollments. The numbers indicate that there has been a 2.6% increase in growth for this year. Projections indicate that there would be a 1.6% increase for the 2017-2018 school year. Member Kaplan said that we know that we are growing so perhaps we need to use averages.

Park City Master Planning Recreational Facilities Report

On November 17, a meeting is scheduled where all three entities, Park City Municipal, Basin Rec, and Park City School District, will be before the city council to discuss the master plan that will be presented. Mr. Hauber mentioned that the proposed dollars are significantly more than what the board had anticipated. All Board Members are encouraged to attend the meeting on the 17th.

Strategic Plan Update

Member Kaplan stated that the Strategic Committee is scheduled to meet on November 10 to review team members, and look at what areas of expertise maybe missing from the team. In December, Member Kaplan will report back to the Board with who is on the team, and what the process is for finishing up the plan.

Member Knauer suggested having the UCA and the Decision Making models as presented by Dr. Conley, and use these to guide the strategic plan.

Member Ehlers joined the meeting at 10:26 am.

Discussion

Out of State Travel

TMJH Teacher, Meghan Zarnetske, is asking permission to travel to the Teton Science School in Jackson, Wyoming on March 6-10, 2017 with 30-40 students to participate in hands on learning. This item will be on the November 15 agenda for approval.

Member Ehlers was attending the JRES French delegation this morning. Our schools were given the LaBelle France Award; only 26 schools in the US are given this award.

Adjourn

Member Ehlers made a motion to adjourn to Regular Session on November 15, 2016 at 4:00 PM. Member Kaplan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Tania Knauer, President

JJ Ehlers, Member

Philip Kaplan, Member

Nancy Garrison, Member

Julie Eihausen, Member

Todd Hauber, Business Administrator